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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ROC ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA

1. INFORMATION RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT INDICATES CONSIDERATION BY ROC TO WITHDRAWAL ROC FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS AND AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL FROM CAMBODIA. THIS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING SINCE THESE PERSONS STATIONED AT BATTAMBANG WHICH SAFEST AREA OF COUNTRY. MORE LIKELY WOULD BE WITHDRAWAL OF ARTILLERY INSTRUCTORS FROM PHNOM PENH.

2. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE SUCH ACTION BY ROC AT THIS TIME OF GKR'S GREATEST NEED WOULD BE SERIOUS MILITARY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW.

3. WHILE WE HAVE NO RPT NO OVERT WORD OF FOREGOING, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF, AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, EMBASSY AND MAAG COULD RAISE SUBJECT OF CAMBODIA WITH COLLEAGUES. WITHOUT REFERENCE TO REPORT CITED, STRESS SHOULD
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BE LAID ON RELATIVELY GOOD PERFORMANCE OF FANK IN FACE OF

SEVERE TESTING BY ENEMY. FAVORABLE EXPRESSION SHOULD ALSO BE MADE OF ROC CONTRIBUTION TO FANK ACCOMPLISHMENTS, USG RECOGNITION OF IT, AND HOPE THAT ROC WILL MAINTAIN ITS PERSONNEL IN CAMBODIA UNLESS SITUATION DETERIORATES.

4. FOR PHNOM PENH AND TAIPEI: BEFORE ACTION TAKEN ON FOREGOING, WOULD APPRECIATE PHNOM PENH COMMENTS ON TRUTH

OF REPORT AND WHETHER ACTION REQUIRED. IF RESPONSE POSITIVE, TAIPEI SHOULD THEN ACT, PROVIDING YOU SEE NO OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS. KISSINGER

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